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JULLION Wins Custody

Robin Purdy

Jeanne Jullion and her four year old son, John were reunited on January 17, when Oakland Superior Court Judge Robert Kroninger ordered that the boy be returned to his mother's custody. He also granted Jullion more extensive visitation rights with her oldest son, Luka.

John was taken from his mother's custody in May, 1977 after Judge Gordon Minder denied Jullion temporary custody because she received welfare and was a lesbian.

Jullion filed for a stay to keep John pending appeal, but before the stay could be decided, her ex-husband, accompanied by police, came to the house and took John. He was taken without any mental preparation and Jullion had to get a court order to speak to him by phone.

Jullion charged that the court ignored her fitness as a mother and her civil rights. She and her lawyers stressed the importance of deciding the case in the best interest of the children and the importance of the family created by Jeanne and her lover.

Judge Kroninger eliminated her sexual preference from consideration in the trial because Jullion's lawyers were ready to prove that her sexual preference had nothing to do with her fitness as a mother. Expert witnesses were flown in from New York and lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union joined Jullion in court. She also had the support of the feminist community, Congressperson Ron Dellums, Rev. Cecil Williams, Margaret Sloan and the Black Feminist Alliance.

Judge Kroninger does not believe in separating children and disapproves of the media coverage the case received, but he ruled in Jullion's favor. He felt she should have custody of John because young children should be with their mothers.

This case has set a precedent in that it stated sexual preference is not grounds for revoking custody. It was a costly precedent, however, and Jullion suggests that mothers avoid court battles if at all possible. The case cost \$11,000 and she still owes about \$3,500 in court costs. If you can donate any money to clear up these debts, please send it to Jeanne Jullion Defense Fund, P.O. Box 88447, Oakland, Ca. 95662.

Mondanaro Reinstated

Yvonne Frazier

Walking back into the Division of Substance Abuse on February 6, Josette Mondanaro said - "I've waited three and a half months to say - where were we before we were so rudely interrupted?" and so went back to work.

Josette fought the battle for reinstatement knowing there were no guarantees. She faced the battle with feelings of pain and vulnerability after the extreme harassment. She continued to fight regardless of the expense, emotionally or financially. Josette said, "You make decisions based on what you know is right and what you know you have to do."

She encountered what we all meet indirectly or directly at times: an overwhelming corrupt government - replete with abuses of power, favoritism, and a manipulative system to the advantage of a privileged few. A crucial outcome of fighting the governmental system is the renewed determination of women to struggle against these oppressions. This truly makes the state personal board's decision a victory.

"This is not a black eye for the Governor, this is a tremendous victory for the powerless people of the state of California", Josette said.

photo by Tinker



"The real issue is not whether Governor Brown was hurt or unhurt, the issue is the quality of treatment within the Public Health system and the integrity of the Civil Service System. There is no room for politics in public health, (it) is not about who can choose to live in an apartment or a mansion - it is about people who need to be institutionalized and have no choice. Public Health is not about people who can choose to drive in one kind of car or drive in a chauffeured limosine, but about people confined to wheelchairs who find this a difficult and sometimes hostile world to move in."

Josette will be leaving the Division (due to reorganization which was started before her firing) and will continue her work in drug treatment and work with lobbying groups to effect change from outside the system.

Nurses Exonerated

by Lynne Ohlson

On February 1st, all charges were dropped against Leonore Perez and Filipino Narciso, two Filipina nurses convicted last July of poisoning patients at the Ann Arbor, Michigan Veteran's Administration Hospital. The nurses were facing a second trial in the murder case.

In 1975, numerous patients suffered from overdoses of the muscle relaxant, Pavulon. In several cases the dosage was fatal. Perez and Narciso were fired and charges were brought. Several months later, the head nurse of their unit committed suicide after leaving a note stating she had told VA Hospital officials she was responsible for the deaths. Ann Arbor police dismissed her confession citing her unstable condition.

Judge Philip Pratt dismissed the conviction of Perez and Narciso in December 1977 as contradictions in the prosecution's case appeared. The fact that Pavulon was never in the

possession of the nurses nor did they administer injections to any of the patients was suppressed.

A possible explanation for the trials dismissal was the \$1 million spent on the first trial.

Repercussions of the case reported in last month's *Off Our Backs* indicate racial fears stirred by the case. Some Bay Area patients are said to be refusing treatment by Filipina medical personnel. Filipina nurses in a Philadelphia VA hospital are harassed by phone calls asking "Who will you poison next?"

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Women for centuries have been concerned with their rights and the violation of those rights. From obtaining the political justice and the power of the vote, to dispelling sexual myths, to demanding protection from rapists, we as women are fighting a major revolution. The feminist movement is an ongoing concerted effort by women all over the world. Women are aware of the need for human rights. "We endorse personal and political freedom as a national right of human pride. Human rights are more than abstractions, particularly when they are limited or non-existent..." (Barbara Jordan, IWY Houston 1977). The importance of the human rights issue is that feminism is reaching more and more women.

Historically feminism has been characterized by the struggle of a relatively small group of women. The struggle has been characterized by an antagonism between oppressors and the oppressed and by the tendency towards polarization. The exploitive dominant male class has caused women to fight back, thusly establishing two separate groups. The antagonism characteristic

of the division is the inequality of women.

The feminist movement is exciting: it has developed over centuries and has crosscut socio-economic boundaries as well as physical boundaries. It has dealt with the injustices of factory women as well as the plight of women like Inez Garcia. The outcome of the many years of struggle has been a transformation of social relations. Women have started a revolution, a revolution accomplished by a minority for the benefit of a minority and through this long fight we have developed our own class. A class of women which must be viewed as a separate entity in our relationships to the rest of society. As the movement gathers numbers the minority changes into a majority. The revolution then becomes a populist movement and is accomplished by a majority for the benefit of all. Feminism is definitely leaning towards being a populist movement.

In light of the possible failure of the passage of the ERA and pro choice legislation, women are aware of a conservative backlash hitting the country. We cannot abandon our con-

victions or risk losing the political gains we have accomplished over the years. It is essential to realize that political power is organized power of one particular class for the oppression of another. Feminists must not weaken to the political criticisms of their peers. We must strive for the dismissal of class distinction, we must assume that political power will lose its discriminatory characteristics as the classes become more equal.

The change from a minority based movement to one relative to a greater number is possibly the most important purpose of feminism. Women are aware, and women are demanding their rights. We are becoming more equal in our jobs, our art, our sports, and in the future hopefully our sexuality. Rape and domestic violence, issues ignored by our conservative counterparts (Briggs, Bryant, Schlafly) are being focused on by women as eminent issues to the human rights of every woman in society.

IWY Houston and other feminist conferences called to the attention of millions of Americans the necessity to hear women--that women are united and they are willing to struggle together.

LETTERS

Editors:

I am impressed with the professional journalism exemplified in your coverage and commentary regarding the firing of Dr. Josette Mondanaro from State service. Previously, I have remained unsure and hesitant as to whether Dr. Mondanaro was truly justified in using such vivid language to make her point concerning child abuse/pornography. The local and bay area newspapers, in their sketchy, hollow presentation of many of the real issues of concern, reinforced this. I appreciate reading for myself the letter she addressed to Dr. Judianne Denson-Gerber, along with the more detailed events which proceeded and prompted that letter. Clearly, Dr. Josette Mondanaro's courage and professional integrity are unquestionable. She now has my support without reservation.

At a woman's health symposium last year in San Francisco, I heard Dr. Mondanaro speak. Being late to the session, I did not hear of her qualifications or background. The impression of her dynamic inspiring presentation has remained with me to this day. In comfort, I know this woman has remained constant.

Rosemary Busterna
February 2, 1978

Women,

Lesbian Defense Fund works to help lesbian mothers keep their children. It is a new organization and we have handled four cases. Two are still pending and two were settled in the mother's favor out of court. In August of this year, the case we have worked on the most ended successfully out of court. We distributed a flyer to share the victory and alert lesbians that we are still functioning as a resource. In it we publish-



ed the statement that LDF has a 100% success rate in its completed cases. In November, LDF received a letter of supportive criticism from Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund (Seattle), criticising our use of that statement as misleading. LDF is grateful for supportive input and accepts the criticism. We now feel that the statement, while specifically true, was misleading, and created a possibly damaging illusion of what the situation is really like for the lesbian mother facing a custody battle. The fact is that both successful LDF cases were settled out of court. This is an easier option than going to court, an option that most lesbians facing custody battles simply don't have. Most are forced to go to court, and if they can afford to do that, most lose. Most custody cases are gruelling, emotionally and financially draining, and unsuccessful.

Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund has done excellent work in its handling of over two hundred cases in the last few years. Of the women who went to court, about two-thirds lost their kids, although they were encouraged by LMNDF to exhaust every possible alternative, including settling out of court. This record in no way deters from the prime work record of the fund. It is simply a harsh reflection of the political and social climate around lesbian parenting.

We wish to laud the work of other defense funds in the nation and to clarify the difficulty of lesbian custody cases so that women will know what situation they face, and so that people not personally facing the loss of their children because of homosexuality will

understand the degree of discrimination and oppression that exists, and will offer their energy and money in support of the struggle.

LDF is ready now to deal with other Lesbian's struggle to keep their kids. There are several ways to do that. We can offer assistance to women and children taking any of the several options. We function through a system of support groups. A support group is organized around each mother and children. That support group comes to us for advice and referral- and then does the bulk of the legwork for that custody situation. We are non-profit and tax exempt. Write for information. Lesbian Defense Fund, P.O. Box 4, Essex Junction, VT., 05452.



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Wanrow In Court -- Again

On March 13, 1978 the Washington State Supreme Court will hear the case of Yvonne Wanrow. Despite the fact that they reversed her conviction of second degree murder over a year ago, Prosecutor Doanld Brockett is insisting on another trial. Yvonne Wanrow, a Colville Indian, killed a white male intruder over six years ago. (The man, William Wesler, was a known child molester, who had that day threatened her children and had previously molested her baby-sitter's seven year old daughter, giving her venereal disease.) For this, Yvonne was charged with felony murder, first degree assault and use of a deadly weapon.

Yvonne and her supporters feel that she is being prosecuted because she is a Native American who fought back against white violence. They feel her case is significant for all women and Native American people who are trying to change the way human lives are controlled and shaped by a violent society. In Yvonne's words, "When I heard them announce 'The state of Washington versus Yvonne Wanrow', I took it very personally; I knew that the state of Washington was at war with Yvonne Wanrow. They are at war with me because I am an Indian, a woman, and a mother..."

On the night of the killing, August 11, 1972, Yvonne Wanrow's babysitter asked for protection from the police. She asked for the arrest of Wesler and was told, "We can't until Monday morning." They advised her, in the meantime, to scatter handfuls of flour under her windows to help identify anyone who tried to break into the house. The police refused the women assistance, despite the fact that the man had threatened to break into the house that day, had threatened their children, had previously been charged with child molestation, and had, in fact attempted to break into the house in previous weeks.

At 5 a.m., Wesler and a drinking buddy broke into the house where the two women waited awake with a gun and eight children slept; Yvonne Wanrow fired the gun, killing him and wounding his companion. At the time of his death, Wesler had an alcohol blood level of .27%, almost three times the amount at which a person is considered legally drunk.

For six years, Yvonne Wanrow's case has been in the courts. The reversal of her conviction by the Washington State Supreme Court in January 1977 was the first of its kind in this country. The reversal was based on the failure of the judge to instruct the jury to consider Yvonne's actions from her perspective, at that moment, including how she felt as a woman. The decision has been used as a legal precedent in similar cases. In spite of this important Supreme Court decision, the prosecutor is retrying the case.

Yvonne's supporters feel it will be impossible for her to obtain a fair trial; especially now in the midst of a fishing rights controversy and a growing anti-Indian backlash in the state of Washington. From experience, they are sure that a jury of her "peers" will include few, if any Native Americans or mothers. This case is coming to a retrial at a time when

Federal legislation is threatening Indian treaties, hunting and fishing rights, schools and clinics nationwide.

Yvonne sees her case as another example of the attempts to destroy Native American culture and self-determination. The Native American Solidarity Committee has compiled these statistics about the treatment of Native peoples;

- 25-35% of all Native American women have been sterilized;
- 25-35% of all Native Indian children are taken from their parents and placed in adoptive 'care; in homes that are 85% non-Indian'.
- in some places, the suicide rate of Indian children is six times that of



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non-Indians;

- Indian life expectancy is only 47 years;
- traditional culture is stifled by compulsory attendance at boarding schools

Yvonne also feels her case exemplifies the lives of all women, especially those who are poor, who must live with the threat of violence in their daily lives. Recent studies by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission show that a million women are sexually assaulted each year. This means 1 out of 2 women in this country can expect to be raped sometime in her life. Half of all rape victims are under 17 years old. A quarter of all women murdered are killed by their husbands or men they are living with.

Yvonne has challenged the judicial system and our social structure by resisting the control of her life and the lives of her people by violence. In a poem, Yvonne said,

"...let me live
and grow
and learn
alone in peace
yet together
with my family,
my way."

The Yvonne Wanrow Defense Committee is building a network of concerned people in social, religious and political communities. They are trying to set up local defense committees to write articles, write letters to officials, do speaking engagements, and community benefits to help raise the \$75,000 minimum legal costs. The Seattle Defense Committee is coordinating activities nationally. People or groups interested in being on the mailing list or participating in the organizing or fund raising work should contact Yvonne Wanrow Defense Committee 1206 Smith Tower, Seattle Wa. 98104.

Alice Adeo

Nuns / Babies

A moral victory was obtained by the Sisters of the Precious Blood in their case dealing with the Bristol Myers Cooperation. The nuns sued the cooperation for their "irresponsibility" in marketing infant formula in South America. The sisters claimed that Bristol Myers used high powered advertising to convince women to use formulas rather than breast feeding their babies. The nuns also said that the cooperation knew that the third world women could not afford the formula.

They filed suit in 1977 with the U.S. District Court stating that the company was making false statements to its stockholders. Bristol Myers settled out of court agreeing to mail all its stockholders a report on the company's foreign marketing practices. Reportedly the statement will include the nun's allegations as well as the company's responses. A moral victory- but will Bristol Myers still market formulas to Third World Women?

Nestles, in response to a seven month boycott, has announced that they will be sending a representative on tour of America to explain the cooperate policy of marketing baby formula in the Third World. Hopefully, they will explain the increase of malnutrition among bottle feed babies as well as the contaminated milk found in some of their factories. Factories operated in part by Nestles' in Colombia and in Australia were found by Health Authorities to be marketing contaminated milk. Bacteria was found in the milk before it even left the factory.

DON'T FORGET THIRD WORLD WOMEN!
Write: Infant Formula Action Coalition
1499 Potrero Ave.
San Fran. Ca. 94110

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SUBLIMINAL MANIPULATION

by ariel & jackie

Subliminal manipulation has been used regularly in the mass media for the past twenty-five years. It's used because it sells products. Subliminal messages, usually with the basic themes of sex and death, which symbolize the beginning and end of life, are intentionally planted in mass media ads. These themes often reflect activities which are forbidden or taboo within the culture such as sex with children, sex orgies, etc. Subliminal messages bypass conscious awareness and communicate directly with the unconscious. They are effective because for some unknown reason it's not what you consciously see that sells, it's what stimulates the subconscious that motivates you to buy.

This ability to perceive subconsciously is called subliminal perception. That is, our senses enable us to see and hear things of which we aren't consciously aware; and we store the memories of these perceptions in our subconscious minds. Psychologists tell us that we are constantly absorbing subliminal information from our environment, and that it influences our attitudes, feelings, and ultimately our actions. This is the way the human mind normally operates--but no one has been able to explain just how and why it does so.

Here's an example of something which is "subliminal" to our senses: an ultra-high-pitch dog whistle which only small animals can hear. Our ears can "hear" only a certain range of tones from low to high. Tones any lower or higher are beyond our "hearing"--our conscious level of perception. However, it's known that we do in fact register sounds which are somewhat higher or lower than our audible range. It works the same way with vision. Light intensity and forms are visible within a certain range or spectrum. Those slightly fainter--beyond that range--are still perceptible in some subtle way to our sense, and they are remembered by our subconscious minds.

One subliminal advertising technique that is widely used is "embeds" in photographs. An artist can retouch a photograph in any number of ways; and a photographer can, at a certain point in the developing process, write words or forms on a photograph. When the print is fully developed, the inscribed words are faintly (sometimes VERY faintly) seen embedded in the picture. This ploy is so widely used in advertising that almost every ad photograph you see will have some embedded form or word in it. Most often the word is S-E-X or S-X. Very often four letter words are used as these always carry some emotional impact.

It has been proven scientifically that messages or information can be given subliminally to anyone without their knowledge, and that behavior can be influenced in this way. "How can a person be influenced by something she/he can't really 'see'?" you might ask. The main reason is this: what we don't perceive consciously we can't critically evaluate. The message is stored in our memories despite the fact that we haven't had a chance to think about it, to decide if we should accept or reject it. Experiments done with hypnosis and post-hypnotic suggestions have yielded much information on this.

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regularly in the mass
media for the past
25 years. it's used
because it works.



Unfortunately, much of this information is being used to sell the American public things it doesn't need. Advertising agencies employ some of the most talented minds available to make use of current information on behavior modification and subliminal manipulation (a nastier term is "mind control").

The possibilities of subliminal advertising were introduced in 1957 with the invention of the tachistoscope. This little device could flash an image on a motion picture screen for split-second (1/100) intervals--much too fast for the eye to consciously perceive. The unconscious mind, however, absorbs even this brief an image. The tachistoscope was used in movie theaters to convey such messages as "Thirsty? Drink COKE". Public indignation rose as exposes came out in books and magazines revealing that sales increased when the technique was used. A number of laws prohibiting the use of subliminal devices in advertising were introduced in the late 1950's. But none of these laws was ever enacted. That's why it's odd that today most people think that the use of subliminal manipulation in advertising is illegal. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Merchandising is a competitive business in our economic system. Advertising agents are a pragmatic bunch. If a technique that manipulates your subconscious will motivate you to buy a product, then it will surely be used. A company won't spend tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars on a particular advertisement unless it brings back appreciable profits from sales. (Careful market surveys are made to determine which ads work best.) A good return for an investment in an ad published in a national magazine is about ten times as much money in profits as was invested in the ad. Therefore, every device that works will be used. When many thousands of dollars are invested in a given advertisement, nothing is left to chance--you can be sure there won't be any mistakes.

To be effective, most ads are full of emotionally "loaded" symbolism designed to trigger a response in the reader. But a given ad may not be aimed at you in particular (or your age group, economic group, etc.) and thus may not have much impact. An advertisement is aimed at potential purchasers--a specific group of people. Market researchers know from demographic studies about a potential buyer's habits, lifestyle, annual income, educational background, sexual attitudes, political beliefs, emotional insecurities, and in some cases how many pairs of socks he/she buys a year.

Several months ago the two of us discovered a mutual interest in examining ads and looking for hidden content. Since we began sharing our finds, we've detected such things as: a mummy in a test tube being examined by an oil company chemist, clouds resembling giant penises and tiny vaginas in Decade ads with a message implying that hard work reaps great rewards, faint outlines of the letters c-a-n-c-e-r embedded in the curly hair of the husky Viceroy laborer who flashes the reader a V for victory (interestingly, as one turns the page to this ad, his middle finger is per-

ceived first), hints of sado-masochistic themes in Raleigh cigarette ads, and the suggestion of a homosexual seduction scene promoting Monroe shock absorbers. Marlboro ads are especially interesting. One features a horse stepping into a sagebrush (resembling pubic hair) which rests on sand with faint veins in it. The ad reads "Come to Marlboro Country" (read cunt-ry). Gay themes are frequently used in clothing ads, usually in conjunction with the letters S-E-X embedded in several places in the ad. S-E-X embeds were even used in news photos during the Viet Nam war to help sell the war to the American public.

We became interested in subliminal advertising after reading the books Subliminal Seduction and Media Sexploitation by Wilson Bryan Key. Using examples from the mass media, he exposes subliminal content in familiar ads. He suggests that the most effective way to see unconsciously perceived material is to breathe deeply for several minutes and relax. The subliminal messages and embeds will appear out of the printed ads. Based on our own observations we've found that, because ads are aimed at consumers, it helps if you've chosen to be a non-consumer. It's easier to see the content in ads if you're not potentially interested in buying the products.

The sculpture The Three Graces (see figure) was created by a sculptor of the Greek Dionysian Cult. Millions of tourists have bought reproductions. A twelve inch reproduction was shown to over 500 test subjects in an American university. The woman on the left of the sculpture clearly has her hand on the right breast of the woman in the center. The woman on the right is holding the center woman's head against her own. Her breast presses against the hand on the breast. There are hidden body contacts of breast against torso on the left and right figures. The tender meaning of the statue is obvious. When questioned about the statue, sixty percent of the test subjects had no conscious idea of what was meant by the sculpture, thirty three percent described the hand on the breast but gave no meaning to it and only 9 percent suggested they had an idea of what was happening in the sculpture. It seems likely that an overwhelming majority of those who have viewed The Three Graces did so without consciously perceiving its meaning.

If the meaning of this masterpiece is repressed, how much of the meaning of ads, particularly those featuring groups of women or men fashionable clothed and posed in warm groupings is also repressed? An example is a Penney's supplement ad featured in the Bee and Union last December 8 (see figure). Both hands of the model on the right cup just above the left breast of the model on the right. The draw string on the blouse of the center model resembles a semi-erect penis. The center model stands firmly and looks directly at the reader while the model on the right appears passive and defers her gaze. Other details reinforce the impression this is an active-passive or dominant-submissive twosome. The model on the left sits on the edge of her chair (waiting?), perhaps listening to the other two, looking away from them. Her hands are open; her fingers are separated and point toward her genitals. The line along her left forearm points to the genitals of the center model as do the fingers of the model on the right. The fingernails of the



J. C. Penney

models on the left and the right are long and painted while those of the center model are short and clear. S-E-X embeds appear in the ad, particularly in the clothing of the center model.

What then, does lesbian symbolism have to do with selling J.C. Penney pants and tops to readers of local newspapers? It's not likely the ads were intended to appeal to lesbians who constitute a minority of the readership. Yet retail ads frequently contain such implications and not by accident. When an ad with a lesbian theme was tested on a group of female readers, the women reported that the photo involved them emotionally, was interesting and exciting and some said they might purchase the advertised clothing. No subjects provided a conscious rationalization for their attraction to and identification with the illustration. Symbolistic design, is, of course, not intended to be read at the conscious level.

The critical point to remember when viewing any ads is that they probably contain subliminal information. Once this information becomes apparent to the conscious mind, the persuasive or manipulative control in the ad is destroyed.

This is just a hint of what advertising is about in this society. As they say in the media biz, "Get the picture?"

Calendar

1 March

- Organizational meeting at the Dreaming Iolanthe, 1907 16th St. at 7pm.

2 March

- Workshop in Self Esteem. Beginning of 3 day workshop aimed at building self esteem in school programs for children. Contact Bill Alkire at 366-2561 for registration or info. 7-10pm.

3 March

- Women Emerging Film Series: Women as Musicians, including "Elizabeth Swados" "Me and Stella", & "Malvina Reynolds" Sacramento City College, Lillard Hall Rm. L101, 7:30pm, FREE.
- National Symposium on Aging, Women's Sexual Health Education Seminars, Univ. of California San Francisco.
- Workshop in Self Esteem continues 9-9.

4 March

- Women in Health Politics. Course for women & health professionals. Camellia Room, Host Airport Hotel, 6945 Airport Blvd., Sacramento. 9am-4pm. Offered thru University Extension, UC Davis.
- Castle Peak Ski Tour sponsored by Camping Women. 10am-6pm. Members \$5, others \$7.50. Bring your own lunch. Camping Women 2720 Armstrong Dr., Sacramento.
- Women Fight Back Conference to begin a statewide network of women. Will be held at Sacramento State College, call 442-4657 for more information.
- Slowpitch softball. All women interested in playing serious slowpitch softball this spring and summer are invited to meet at the baseball diamond at Sacramento Hi School, 10am.
- Workshop in Self Esteem winds up, 9am-5pm

7 March

- Women Changing: Undoing, Sutter Mem. Hosp.

8 March

- Beginning Self-Defense. Sacramento City College, 7:30pm, \$7, Mary Bennett instructor. Call Community Services to register at 449-7443.
- Intermediate Self-Defense. Sacramento City College, 6pm, \$7, Mary Bennett-instructor. Call Community Services to register at 449-7443.

10 March

- Women's Justice Forum Potluck & Strategy Meeting. 6:30pm, 4130 Greentree Dr, Sacto., bring main dish, salad or snack.
- Women Emerging Film Series: Women and Health Care. "Healthcaring: From Our End of the Speculum" & "The Maternity Center Story", 7:30pm, Sac. City College Lillard Hall Rm. L101, FREE.

11 March

- Metal Sculpture & Off-Loom Weaving by Allison Wollam, at the Dreaming Iolanthe 1907 16th St, Sacto, continues thru 9 April.

17 March

- Women Emerging Film Series: Women as Artists-"The Life & Death of Frida Kahlo" & "Nadine Valenti" Sac. City College, Lillard Hall Rm. L101, 7:30pm, FREE.
- National Lesbian Organization, founding meeting. Ramada Inn, Los Angeles, thru the 19th. Write 8706 Cadillac Ave., L.A. or call (213) 396-1438.

21 March

- Women's Justice Forum Luncheon Meeting 11:45-1pm, Jeremiah's Steak House, 4241 Florin Rd., Sacto. Speaker: Sandy Smoley.

31 March

- The Great Goddess Re-Emerging, Univ. of California Santa Cruz, Performing Arts Theater, \$45 thru April 2.

1 April

- Basic Ski Touring sponsored by Camping Women. 10am-4pm. Bring your own lunch, register by 29 March. Camping Women, 2720 Armstrong Dr., Sacramento.

8 April

- Horse Meadows Ski Tour by Camping women. Register by 5 April. Camping Women 2720 Armstrong Drive, Sac.

15 April

- Feminist Witchcraft: an introduction to the Old Religion, 1 day workshop 1-4pm. Placer Room, Univ. Union, CSUS, \$2.00.



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Red Zora

Who is the Red Zora? No one seems to know! However, the police in Cologne, Germany are looking for her. The Red Zora has managed to rip-off close to \$50,000 of pornography and "adult novelties". If the Red Zora doesn't take it she destroys it, leaving behind the rubble accompanied with a note. The message is that "what is described as love today is nothing more than the domination of woman by men...the pornographers want to use our bodies to make their profits."

If you see the Red Zora, or the "Avenger of the Oppressed" do what you must! --but remember the Cologne Pornostore owners have a reward out on her hear!!

Battering in NJ

The New Jersey State Appeals Court has ruled that women can file suit against their husbands if they are victims of wife-battering. Judge Sylvia Pressler, in a written decision, said "in a civilized society, wife beating is self-evidently neither a marital privilege nor an act of simple domestic negligence." Her decision was based on a 1974 State Supreme Court Ruling that permitted a woman to sue her son-in-law in the wrongful death of her daughter.

Drug Abuse

In Denver a woman says she was put to sleep against her will during childbirth. Darlene Mishek has filed suit against her obstetrician, charging that the experience left her emotionally detached from her infant daughter. Mishek claims that her doctor gave her drugs that were "unnecessary and detrimental to the health and safety of both her and her baby".

The two million dollar suit charges that Mishek and her daughter have suffered an "irrevocable loss of a pivotal human experience."

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Extention of ERA OPPOSED

Senator S.I. Hayakawa is "strongly opposed to House Judiciary Resolution 638 to extend the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment."

"The states were given seven years to consider the ERA", stated Hayakawa, "(that) is ample time for all state legislatures to take action on the measure. Be assured that I will work to see this proposal defeated when it is presented

to the Senate."

Sam needs to hear from women. His address is United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

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Announcements

On Saturday February 25, the second day long work out for Women Martial Artists took place from 10-4. The first workout, January 28th was held at the Sacramento Judo Club. The morning session was taught by Midge and Kaneke, covering techniques for falling. The afternoon session was led by Betty and was a workout in basics covering hand and kicking techniques. From 3-4pm Aerial taught massage.

Women attended from Kodokan Judo, Kempo Karate, Ueshi ryu/Sherin Ryu Karate, and Shetekan Karate. We had a full range of skills from beginner to black belt and workouts were designed so that all could participate as fully as possible. We plan to work-out once a month with practitioners of different arts sharing skills specific to their styles and we invite all women martial artists to join us. (No spectators please).

Around March 25th we will meet at the Sacramento Judo Club at 10am, 8401 Perkins Rd. Bring a sack lunch, your gi (uniform) and three pound weights if you have them. For further information call Blue 446-2622 or Betty 444-0565.

United Women of Color is a project started by Third World Women within the Sacramento Women's Center to battle problems faced by minority women of the community.

U.W.O.C. hopes to expand the services of the Women's Center in support of 3rd World Women. The program will include counseling, supportive services, available literature, speaking engagements, and crisis line advocacy.

The program grew out of the frustration of women to see the fight for sexual equality and racial equality joined together. "The women's movement has separated our racial and sexual identity. United Women of Color is seeking to join hands and work together."

U.W.O.C. plans biweekly meetings for staff and the community. For more information contact Marie or Wanda at the Sacramento Women's Center 1230 H St., or call 442-4657.

Marie Tabarez & Cathy Terry

A Women's Rugby team is now practicing behind the P.E. Building at Sacramento State College. If you are interested in joining the teams call Bonnie 443-7094 or come to practice Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 4:00-6:00.



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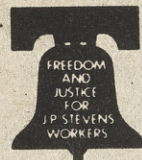
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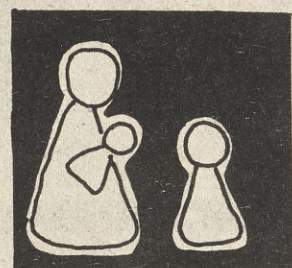
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Sheets and Pillowcases: Beauti-Blend, Beuticale, Fine Arts, Peanuts (comic strip figures), Tastemaker, Utica, Utica and Mohawk, Designer labels: Yves St. Laurent, Angelo Donghia. Towels: Fine Arts, Tastemaker and Utica. Blankets: Forstmann and Utica. Carpets: Contender, Gulistan, Merryweather, Tastemaker. Table Linen: Simtex Hosiery: Finesse, Hip-lets and Spirit. Draperies: J.P. Stevens.

Boycott Rathole

There is a tee-shirt now on the market which reads "In case of rape...this side up". The National Organization for Women reports the shirt is manufactured by a firm using the name Rat-hole. Boycott Rat-hole and tell your local tee-shirt store to do the same!

For more information, contact Rosemary DeCamp-Adams, 149 Concord, Biloxi, Ms. 39550.



BOYCOTT Nestle's

On page 3 of this issue, a boycott of Nestles products is urged as a reaction to the high powered advertising Nestles has employed in marketing infant formula.

Products to be boycotted:

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Nescafe
Nestle's Quik
Nestle's Crunch
Nestea
Libby, McNeil & Libby Products

Other products include:

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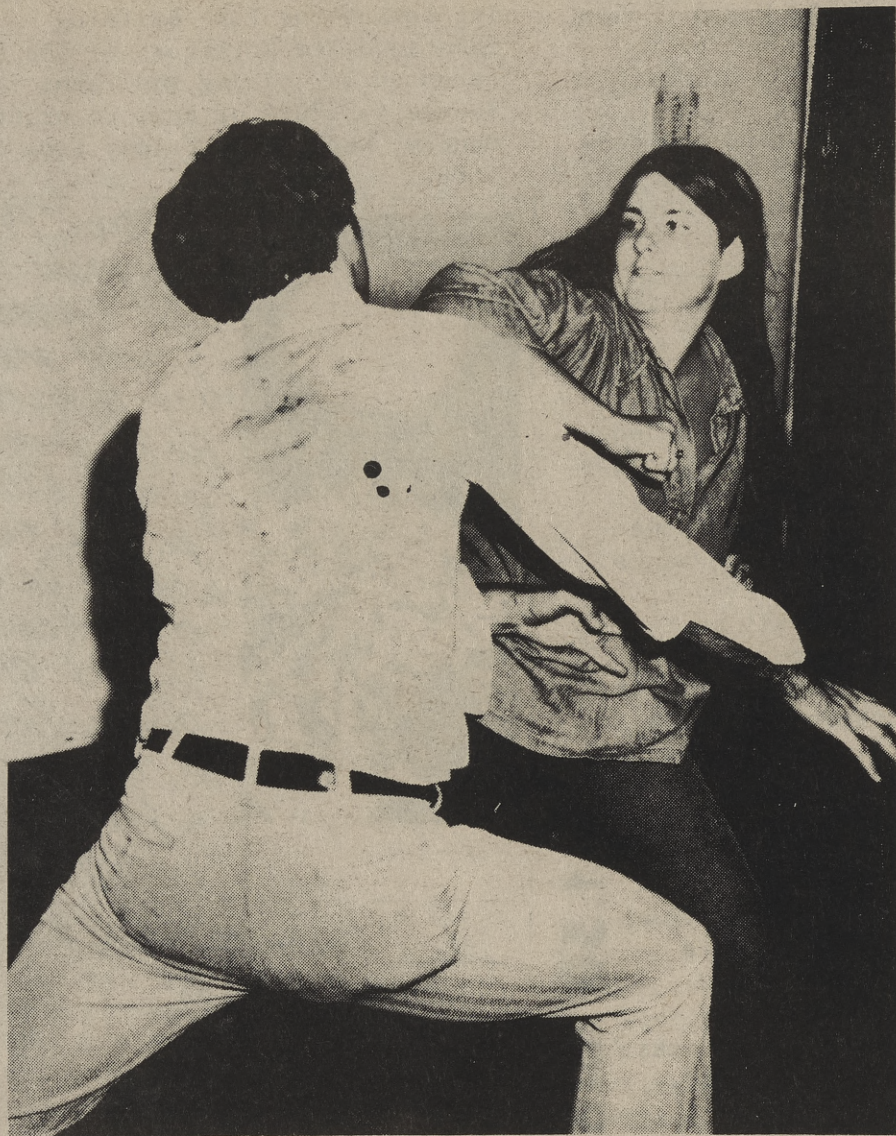
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The East Area Rapist has been attacking women in Sacramento City and County for at least 24 months; local law enforcement officials agree that he has at least 30 known victims. The ACTUAL number of his victims remains unknown because not all women report rapes. Far more important is the fact that OTHER women have been raped in the City and County during this same period — and not by the East Area Rapist.

KNOWN FACTS ABOUT THE EAST AREA RAPIST

1. He enters the homes of his victims, usually at night or during the early morning — but he can also attack women and children during the daylight hours. Usually, the victims are at home alone OR, in some cases, with only their children present.
2. He surprises his victim: He is quiet and sneaky and usually he blindfolds his victim. If the woman has been asleep, he blindfolds her before she is fully awake. His victim is usually unable to call for help; she simply does not have time!
3. He may be a cat burglar or prowler who jumps fences and travels through backyards and close to the front of houses, entering homes of his burglary victims when they are unaware. A woman alone or with only small children with her can become his potential rape victim.

DON'T STOP TO WONDER whether you should call the Police or the Sheriff's Office — **CALL THEM IMMEDIATELY.** It is THEIR job — not yours — to decide if the danger is eminent. Law enforcement personnel need YOUR cooperation to apprehend rape suspects.

4. **CALL RAPE CRISIS CENTER: 447-RAPE (447-7273) ANY TIME, DAY OR NIGHT, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK** if you have information on any rape suspects or if you've been raped or if you're fearful of being raped.

5. **TURN OUT THE LIGHTS PERIODICALLY AT NIGHT AND LOOK OUT THE WINDOWS** to check the back and front yards; if you see any suspicious activity, phone the police.

6. **LEARN TO DEFEND YOURSELF.** There are skills that any woman can learn to defend herself against attack.

7. **VOLUNTEER TO GO DOOR-TO-DOOR** in the Rape Crisis Center's NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT PROGRAM. Two-member teams will go door-to-door in assigned neighborhoods, give information, and present material provided by Rape Crisis Center staff. Call Rape Crisis at 447-3223 if you wish to volunteer; you may volunteer with a friend and form your own team.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. **TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS:** Let them know when YOU will be alone; find out when THEY will be alone. **WORK WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS** for your protection and that of your neighbors. If you're afraid to stay alone, try to stay with a friend or have a friend stay with you.
2. **ORGANIZE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AGAINST RAPE:** If you want help doing this, the RAPE CRISIS CENTER of the Sacramento Women's Center and Bookstore, Inc., WANTS to help you and your neighbors organize against rape. We are providing assistance — **RIGHT NOW** — and without cost — in organizing neighborhoods through our NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT PROGRAM. For assistance, call us on our business phone (447-3223) or use our Crisis Line (447-RAPE). We will help you organize.
3. **PROTECT YOURSELF BY PROTECTING OTHERS:** Victims themselves generally do NOT have time to act. IF YOU HEAR A SCREAM, OR IF YOU SEE A STRANGE MAN IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, OR IF YOU ARE AFRAID,

CALL FOR HELP:

SACRAMENTO CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT: Call 449-5151
if you live in the City Limits.

SACRAMENTO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Call 441-3441
if you live in the County.

RAPE ALERT!

DID YOU KNOW?

False: *Rape couldn't happen to me!*

True: One woman is raped every TWO MINUTES in the United States. EIGHT WOMEN A DAY are raped in Sacramento City and County. Rape is the fastest growing crime in the U.S.A.

False: *If women are 'good' and don't go out alone at night, they won't get raped.*

True: Over 50 per cent of all rapes occur IN OR ABOUT THE HOME of the victim.

False: *Rapists are strangers and can be spotted for their behavior.*

True: In over 50 per cent of sexual assault cases, the victim is acquainted with her assailant.

False: *The rapist is a sex-starved deviant.*

True: Profiles of convicted rapists indicate the average rapist is about 23 years of age, white, married, and with above-average intelligence.

False: *Only attractive, seductive women are raped.*

True: **WOMEN OF ALL AGES ARE RAPED:** The youngest victim on record was a six-month old baby girl; the oldest, a woman in her late nineties.

False: *Rape is an act of 'uncontrollable passion'.*

True: 77% of rapes are planned. The rapist chooses his victim or place ahead of time.

PERSONAL SAFETY WORKSHOPS

The RAPE CRISIS CENTER will set up a three-hour PERSONAL SAFETY WORKSHOP in each neighborhood.

Participants of this workshop will receive information on:

- The Services of the Rape Crisis Center
- Facts and Statistics on Rape and Assault
- Precautionary Advice
- Assertiveness and Self-Defense Training
- The Self-Defense Training Will Stress Easy to Learn and Effective Escape Techniques.

The Sacramento Rape Crisis Center provides many services to women. These include:

1. A 24-Hour Crisis Line for victims of sexual assault. The number to call if you've been raped or are in fear of being raped is 447-RAPE.
2. Emergency housing, childcare and transportation to assault victims.
3. One to one walk-in counseling for women who want more than telephone counseling.
4. A victim rap group for women who have experienced assault to talk to other victims.
5. Speaking engagements to organizations wanting information on rape.

COMMUNITY ALERT PROGRAM

The RAPE CRISIS CENTER is now in the process of organizing a NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY PROGRAM. Using two-member teams working in neighborhoods in the City and County of Sacramento, the NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY PROGRAM will:

1. ALERT women to the danger of rape and provide them with precautionary and home-safety information.
2. PROVIDE a security check of women's homes and help them identify ways to protect their own homes.
3. HELP ORGANIZE a neighborhood meeting. The goal of the neighborhood meeting is to bring women in their neighborhoods together to develop their own NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN OF ACTION.

This Plan of Action will include strategies for:

- Turning Fear Into Action
Ways to overcome fear and take control of your own safety.
- Helping Women To Help Each Other
Ways for women to check in on each other.
- Learning About The Myths And Facts Of Rape
Information about rape — its myths and realities.

CUT THIS AD OUT AND USE IT FOR REFERENCE

EMERGENCY NUMBERS ARE:

447-RAPE — USE THIS NUMBER IF YOU ARE A RAPE VICTIM. It is the 24-hour-a-day, seven day a week RAPE CRISIS CENTER TELEPHONE LINE.

449-5151 — THIS IS THE EMERGENCY NUMBER OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT: use it if you need help for prowlers, strange men in your neighborhood, or are a victim of rape.

441-3441 — THIS IS THE NUMBER OF THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: use it if you need help for prowlers, strange men in your neighborhood, or are a victim of rape.

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There will be a presentation and slide show on the Bakke Decision provided by the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition at the Sacramento Women's Center, 1230 H St., Sacramento, Ca. Call 442-4657 for info.

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Pregnant employees must be granted the same benefits and employment privileges as other employees.

The bill was approved by the assembly on January 30, 1978.

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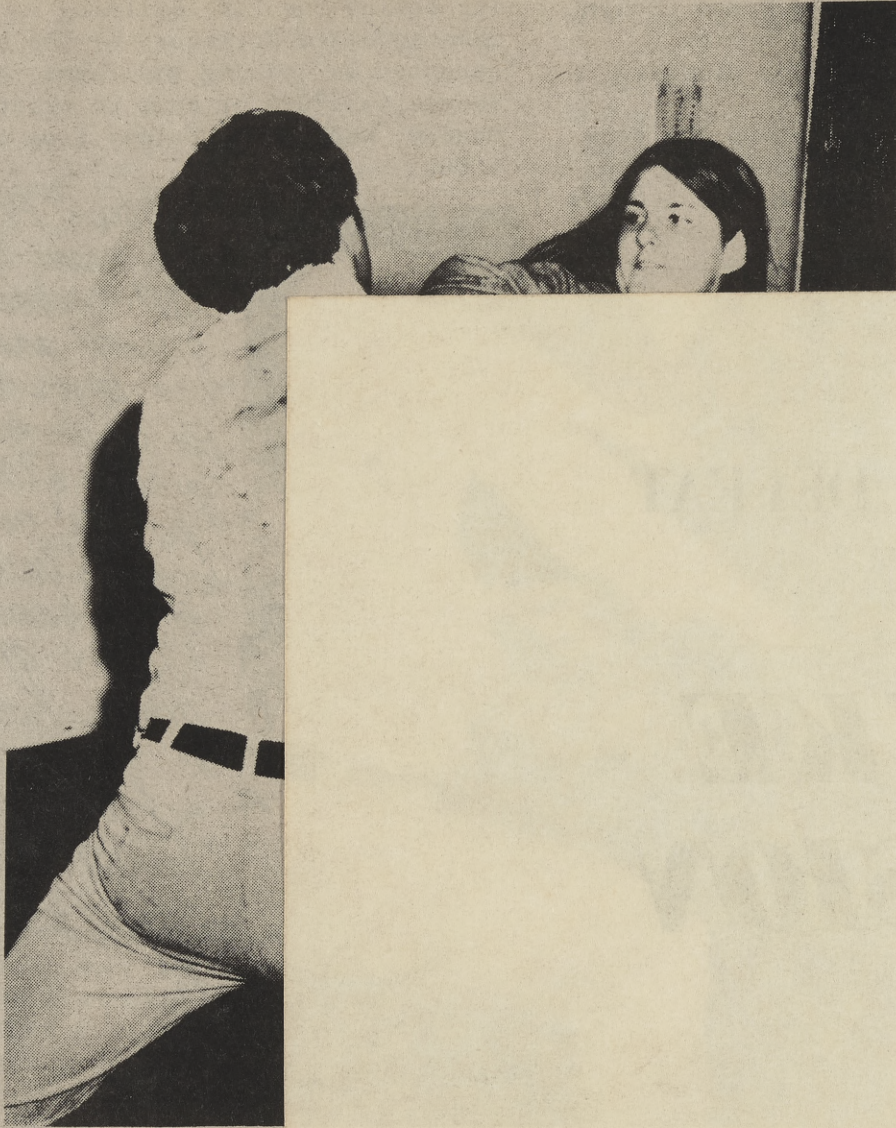
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Jeanne Baum, an American Indian, kept her daughter home from Seldon Junior High School, Long Island, after her teacher made the disparaging remark that reservation Indians were lazy and prone to alcoholism.

Jeanne Baum feels that she would much rather have her daughter hide on a reservation than be subjected to such discrimination. However, the Appellate Division of the New York's State Supreme Court has decided that Baum will lose custody of her child if she does not return her to school. Baum was not present to hear this decision because she and her daughter left New York for a reservation in the Western States. The daughter is continuing her education with a Blackfoot Tribal Medicine Man.

William Kunstler is Baum's lawyer and he plans to appeal the New York Court ruling.

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New Laws of Interest to Women

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SB 91: (Presley) provides funding for a pilot project which will establish four to six shelters for victims of domestic violence. Programs at the shelters will include education and counseling.

AB1019: (Fazio) provides that, where there is an incidence of domestic violence, a temporary restraining order can be issued without first filing for legal separation or dissolution.

DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS

SB 825: (Smith) extends operation of

the Alameda County Displaced Homemaker Services Center for an additional year. AB 138: (Hughes) establishes and funds a Displaced Homemaker Services Center in Los Angeles County.

EMPLOYMENT

AB 284: (Fazio) requires state government agencies and departments to create programs which encourage and provide for upward movement for specified occupational groups.

AB 738: (Lockyer) creates a Division of Fair Employment Practices within the Fair Employment Practices Commission

with powers to investigate and prosecute complaints of discrimination in employment and housing.

AB 105: (Hughes and Torres) establishes requirements for the California Post-secondary Education Commission to report on the employment, classification, and compensation of ethnic minorities and women by California colleges and to maintain a registry of minorities and women available for employment in academic and administrative positions in postsecondary education.

Pending Legislation

Legislation, AB 1960, by Assemblyman Howard L. Berman would make it unlawful for employers to discriminate against pregnant employees. The bill passed the Assembly after receiving unanimous approval from the Assembly Committee on Labor Employment and Consumer Affairs (9-0) and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means (17-0).

AB 1960 makes several practices unlawful:

It specifically prohibits employers from refusing to hire, promote, or train women due to pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions. Only if a woman nearing full-term were unable to perform the specific job could the employer refuse to hire her.

Employers could not refuse pregnancy leave, sick leave, disability leave, vacation or other accrued leave for a reasonable period of time when similar leaves are granted to other employees for temporary disabilities.

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The bill was approved by the assembly on January 30, 1978.

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AB 512 is legislation requiring the State Department of Corrections to establish programs and community centers for female inmates and their children. The Centers would be living environments for women inmates who have custody of children under 26 months of age. The bill has been approved by the State Assembly and was heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 28. It will be heard in the Senate Finance Committee and then sent to the Senate for a vote. If it passes, it will be sent to Brown and signed into law.

Assemblyperson Terry Goggin, author of the bill, said his plan would provide a stable, stimulating environment for the babies and equip the mother for parental duties after she leaves prison.

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SB 1479 is legislation imposing mandatory prison sentences for persons convicted of rape. The bill would forbid suspended sentences or probation for convicted rapists, including first-time offenders.

Senator George Deukmejian, author of the bill state "society has made it just too easy for rapists to get away with their particular brand of violence. Women have been victimized since time began by this humiliating and degrading crime."

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Silkwood Suit Update

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Attorneys for Kerr-McGee filed a motion to dismiss the \$160,000 suit by Silkwood's family. The lawyers contend that there is no cause for a civil rights suit because "the 1964 Civil Rights Act only protects black people".

The F.B.I. is trying another legal tactic. They contend that they can't be sued because they are immune from lawsuits under the Civil Rights Act.

Neither organization has claimed that they are innocent of conspiracy.

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Recollections of Omaha

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a republican town
steak and potatoes mentality
stock-yard, slaughter house, spilt-blood caused stench
black more colored
white more birch

lived in Mrs. Trimble's' attic
church goin woman
spoke in tongues
doorbells ringin
all hours day and night
Mrs. Trimble sure washed alot of sheets

my mother-in-law Ruby
loved cheap-shot gin
kept it in her gucci bag
old age furs draped her ample frame
one husband
one lover
few bar drinkin friends
called me a black-assed nigger once
chased me with a gun
was she surprised
never trusted a drunk women making chittlins

Mama Hattie
pushing sixty
took me to Sue city once
watched the greyhounds run
she in wig-hat
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had a creole man
by name Cunningham
only 29
crazy one half
drunk the other time
snapped chicken neck into the stew

for \$2.00 an hour you could rent her room
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we sat and drank Old Grandad
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Angelina

Angelina, your lips saltied red
have you no place to go?
Shapely satins seducing the night
have you no one to love?

You look at me with cat-like persistence
wanting
what you need
to give
never seeing the reflection
my eyes provide

I've no need of your Channel no. 5
and your honey-dewed words
only confuse the mind

I'd like you better still
in early morning hues
before the masquerade begins.

The following poems are by Gayiel Van Geldern. They are excerpts from a larger work entitled "Cameleon." Gayiel was found reading her selections on a Thursday evening at the Dreaming Iolanthe. Needless to say, she had everyone's attention with her realism and straight forward lines about her life.

Riches to Rags to Indifference

My father
was an aristocrat
blue-blood born
always torn
Pretty
Handsome
Men among men
ladies swoon
cancer moon

Banker
Swindler
Ditchdigger
Drunk

Father to four
I wanted more

Divorced mother
married a woman who cooked
polished cowboy boots
doubleknit suits
trailer parked in Nevada dust

When he died
Did he think of us?

The World is Having an Identity Crisis

Are you gay, she say
straight or bi
Come on honey
tell me no lie
I'M WOMAN
romantic
love to dance
go fishing
spiritual trance
seek out faces with character lines
old men smoking cigars
love 52 Buick cars
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When sexuality precedes personality
I lose either way

I'M WOMAN, I SAY!



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Plain Brown Wrapper

Rita Mae Brown
Diana Press, 1976

Rita Mae Brown says she is good at two things--writing and political organizing. In Plain Brown Wrapper, a collection of essays written between 1969 and 1975, she combines the two very effectively. It's fascinating reading on several levels. First of all, all of us who took Rubyfruit Jungle to heart will be interested to learn just how autobiographical it really is. Rita Mae Brown did live in an abandoned car in New York City and scrounged for garbage, just like her heroine.

From New York and graduate school, Rita Mae moved to Washington, D.C., where in 1970 she and eleven other women organized the Furies collective. The Furies lived together, shared chores and outside jobs equally, and devoted themselves to feminist organizing--a newspaper, a child care center, a liberation school. Always excruciatingly honest, regardless of at whose expense, Rita Mae Brown describes and analyzes (in Introduction), the problems the Furies had, the reasons why they broke up, and the ultimate fact of success in ways not anticipated.

Because the essays in Plain Brown Wrapper were written at different times, and because Brown's tone changes depending on her original audience and situation, it's hard to evaluate Plain Brown Wrapper as a whole. For instance, in Hanoi to Hoboken she advocates organizing around child care and abortion, while in Leadership vs. Stardom she denounces these issues as reformist tools of patriarchal oppression. To

some extent, these inconsistencies reflect growth over the years, but more than that, Rita Mae Brown's strength is in sparking new ideas and ways of seeing things, rather than in organizing a body of theory. She's a creative thinker, if not a consistent one. Two consistent themes do run through her book, however. One is that a major goal of feminism must be women defining ourselves, finding new values and way of being that male culture does not contain. "It is this new concept, of woman-identified-woman, that sounds the death knell for the male culture, and calls for a new culture where cooperation, life and love are the guiding forces of operation rather than competition, power, and bloodshed." (Living with Other Women p. 76). Second, as a lower-class woman, Brown attacks what she considers the middle-class biases of the women's movement, both in style and content. Her discussion of downward mobility makes this point. "Material benefits aren't bad, what's bad is that everyone doesn't have them. Downward mobility insures that working class women still won't have material benefits--we have more trouble getting them than the middle class woman and she won't share her privileges with us, she's too busy living in a dump. Share your material benefits." (The Last Straw p. 105).

Rita Mae Brown is a vivid and honest writer, and her ability to cut through crap is as evident here as in her novels. Her ideas may inspire you, they may anger you, but they'll never bore you.

Whitney Rogge

Redgrave In Trouble?

If Vanessa Redgrave is nominated for an Oscar during the April 3rd Academy Awards Ceremonies, members of the Los Angeles Jewish Community plan to "disruptively demonstrate." Redgrave has been mentioned as a possible nominee for her supporting role in Julia.

The demonstration against Redgrave has been called by the Jewish Defense League of L.A. because of her involvement with a film called The Palestinians. Redgrave produced and played a lead role in the film. The film includes interviews with Palestinian leader Arafat and other militants from the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

Julia is based on part of Lillian Hellman's life and depicts the lives of two women, played by Redgrave and Fonda. The women were involved in the intense wartime mission of helping Jews escape Nazi terrorism.

Some members of the Jewish Community see Redgrave's role as Julia in contradiction to her role as host, guide and Palestinian advocate.

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The Dollmaker

According to the New York Post, Jane Fonda is discussing with Columbia Pictures Television the possibility of a new six hour television series. She would play a whittling woman from Kentucky in the series based on Harriette Arnow's, The Dollmaker. Gertie, the main character, is moved from the Kentucky hills by her husband who wants to make big money in the factories of Detroit during WW II.

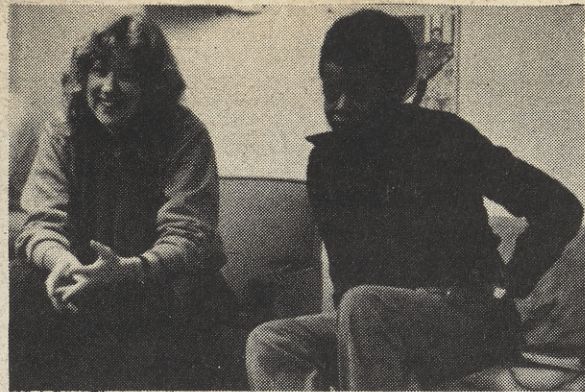
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The Sword that Heals

We are struggling, we women, waging our battles, fighting together against sexism, racism, and other manifestations of the anti-life forces at work in our world. We have become depleted, drained, and our energy spent has been discouraged, frightened, overwhelmed. During the recent concert in Sacramento, Holly Near and Mary Watkins gave of themselves; they enveloped us with great waves of energy so that we could venture forward once more, renewed and revitalized.

The regeneration was not a transformation. Mary's piano-playing and Holly's singing did not instruct us to pack our troubles away and smile, smile, smile. Rather we were instructed in the most gentle and most powerful, and most decidedly female, art of transmutation. The complexity of the world around us was revealed so that we could see the positive energy which accompanies all, and so we can gain strength.

Mary excuted two piano solos beautifully. Both conveyed the same idea: in her words, "The sword that cuts and hurts eventually heals, eventually becomes the healing factor." When we're hurting, it's difficult to remember that truth, but Mary's musical expression is a gift which we can carry with us to remind us and strengthen us.

Holly Near spoke to us of many of the world's horrors - Hiroshima, genocide the scourge of Anita Bryant. But she spoke to us also of the very human love and generosity which lurks like a shadow right alongside of the atrocities. She laughed with us as she described the ingenuity of Midwestern lesbians who exchanged towns during gay rights' demonstrations so that they would not lose their jobs. Holly urges us to deal with the evil of the world but she keeps us in touch with the faith, hope, and love which supports the dream of change. Meg Christian joined Holly in dedicating a song on which collaborated on, "that are little common point of unity which makes us call each other sisters"

Can we be like drops water
falling on the stone?

Weaker by far, but still aware,
and the water comes again.

If we work together with awareness, our seeming weakness can become our strength.

These women are more than performers. They are powerful wizards in the womanly art of transmutation. They teach us that our pain heals, love is the best defense against hatred, our weakness can be our strength. They do more than direct us to be strong-- they teach us how to constantly derive our strength from the very world which demands so much of us.

Maraya Holland

Rape

While the "hillside rapist" is getting the publicity, another rapist is operating in the Los Angeles area. This man has raped at least 15 illegal immigrant women over the last seven months. His modus operandi is to knock on the door, tell the intended victim he has work for her husband and would like to leave the address of the new job. Once in the door the rapist, who is in his thirties and weighs over 200 pounds, threatens his victim and rapes her.

The police believe only a small number of the rapes have been reported because many of the victims do not have legal residence status in the U.S. and fear deportation.

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Child Labor

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that the bottom-line for child labor among migrant farm workers is four years of age. By ten years of age a child is often expected to support themselves entirely. The fifty to sixty percent of the migrant farm-worker's children who do work full-time avoid enforcement of child labor laws by not working while strangers are on the scene.

The United Farm Workers of America say that four year olds only work on non-union farms. This is because non-union laborers make less money and are encouraged to put children to work to help support their families.

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Anti-ERA States Boycotted

Miami, Chicago, Las Vegas, Saint Louis, and Kansas City have all been rejected by the Communications Workers Union as possible convention sites. These cities were rejected because of their state's failure to ratify the ERA. C-W-A has informed each city that because of their refusal to approve equal rights for women they have lost two million dollars in C-W-A convention spending.

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Home Pregnancy Test

e.p.t. In-Home Early Pregnancy Test is a new pregnancy kit that women can buy without prescriptions and use quickly, safely and easily at home.

The kit, which can detect pregnancy as early as 9 days after a woman has missed and expected menstrual period, has been found to be 97% accurate. It verifies whether HCG, a pregnancy hormone, is present in a woman's urine.

The kit is being distributed by Warner Chilcott, a unit of Warner Lambert Company.

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Lesbian Tide

Little-Out on Bail

Joan Little is out on bail and job hunting while waiting for a decision on whether she will be extradited to North Carolina to finish her prison sentence.

William Kunstler, Little's attorney, stated that half of Little's \$51,000 bail was provided by the Southern Poverty Law Center and half came from private donations.

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'Snuff' Goes on Trial

New York Court Judge Louis Scheinman recently ordered an obscenity trial for "Snuff", a film which shows, the rape, torture, and death of a woman. The film's publicity states that the woman was actually murdered during the filming and tickets to the film have sold for \$100 per seat.

Women Against Violence Against Women (WAVAW) in New York brought charges against theatre owner Richard Dames in 1976 because he screened the film. District Attorney Emmanuel Gellman refused to prosecute Dames, so WAVAW hired a special prosecutor who appealed Gellman's decision. Judge Scheinman heard the appeal and reversed the dismissal of charges stating Gellman's and the lower courts' actions had been an "abuse of discretion."

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